(b) During the last six months i.e. from October, 1985 to March, 1986 four unlicensed arms factories have been unearthed in Delhi.

(c) The following steps are being taken to detect running of such illegal arms factories in Delhi:—

(i) The arms Act, 1959 has been amended twice first in 1983 and then in 1985, which provides deterrent punishment to offenders.

(ii) Strict watch over the persons suspected to be involved in manufacturing and smuggling of illegal arms is kept.

(iii) Intelligence system has been strengthened.

(iv) Periodical raids are conducted to check the suspected places.

(v) Armed pickets at strategic points have been stationed to check suspicious persons carrying such arms.

(vi) Border check posts have been set up to detect persons carrying such arms.

(vii) Regular meetings with Senior Superintendents of police of neighbouring States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, etc. are hold to coordinate action to detect/nab the smugglers of arms.

Special security arrangements for Madhya Pradesh High Court Judge

1387. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh High Court Judge Justice B. N. Lal has sought for special security arrangements for him; and

(b) if so, the circumstances which necessitated such special security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU). (a) and (b) No, Sir. He himself did not seek it. However, when a car with four occupants unauthorisedly entered the bungalow of Justice B. N. Lal on the night of 3rd April, 1986, an additional security guard was provided to him by the State Government.

Decision to make Assamese, a compulsory language in schools in Assam

1388. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government's attention has been drawn to the decision of the Assam Government for making 'Assamese' a compulsory language at the secondary stage of education;

(b) whether Government are aware of the current agitation against this decision in Assam; and

(c) if so, what is the Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) An agitation has been going on in Cachar against a circular issued by the Assam Board of Secondary Education introducing Assamese language as a compulsory language in non-Assamese medium schools at the secondary stage.

As the matter basically pertains to the State Government, the State Government have to take a view in the matter keeping various aspects of the problem in view. It has been intimated by the State Government that a